IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

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AMKOR TECHNOLOGY, INC.,	
Plaintiff, v.)) Civil Action No. 4:01CV45) Honorable Judge Paul Brown
ST ASSEMBLY TEST SERVICES LTD, and ST ASSEMBLY TEST SERVICES, INC.,)
Defendants.	

ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

In response to the Complaint for patent infringement filed by Plaintiff, Amkor Technology, Inc., on February 16, 2001, Defendants ST Assembly Test Services Ltd., and ST Assembly Test Services, Inc., hereby answer as follows:

The Parties

- 1. Defendants admit that Plaintiff Amkor Technology, Inc. has a place of business at 1900 S. Price Road, Chandler, Arizona 85248. Defendants are without sufficient information to admit or deny the remaining allegations of paragraph 1 and, on that basis, deny them.
- 2. Defendants admit that ST Assembly Test Services Ltd. is a corporation incorporated under the laws of Singapore. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 2.
 - 3. Admitted.

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 4. Admitted.
- 5. Admitted.
- 6. Admitted.
- 7. Defendants admit that venue is proper but deny that it is appropriate. Defendants have moved under 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) for transfer of venue to the District of Arizona, Phoenix Division.

Factual Background

- 8. Defendants admit that United States Patent No. 6,143,981 (the '981 Patent) was issued on November 7, 2000, and is entitled a "Plastic Integrated Circuit Package and Method and Lead Frames for Making the Package." Defendants further admit that a true and correct copy of the '981 patent is attached to the Complaint as Exhibit A. Defendants deny all remaining allegations of Paragraph 8.
- 9. Defendants admit that they manufacture integrated circuit packages. Defendants deny the remaining allegations of Paragraph 9.

COUNT 1 PATENT INFRINGEMENT

- 10. Defendants incorporate their responses to Paragraphs 1 through 9 by reference as though fully set forth herein.
 - 11. Denied.
 - 12. Denied.
 - 13. Denied.
 - 14. Denied.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

15. Defendants have not infringed and do not infringe any valid claim of the '981 patent.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

16. The '981 patent is invalid for failure to comply with one or more of the conditions for patentability specified in Title 35, United States Code, particularly, sections 101, 102, 103 and/or 112.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

17. Amkor is estopped based on statements, representations, and admissions made to the United States Patent and Trademark Office during prosecution of the application resulting in the '981 patent from enforcing the '981 patent against any of Defendants' products.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

18. Upon information and belief, the '981 patent is unenforceable by reason of Plaintiff's unclean hands.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

19. Upon information and belief, Amkor's claim for damages is barred by Amkor's failure to properly comply with the patent marking requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 287.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

20. Amkor's Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Defendants pray for the following relief:

- A. Dismissal of Amkor's claims with prejudice;
- B. An award to Defendants of their costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in defending against Amkor's claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
 - C. Such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

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